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### THE 1915 CONFERENCE

The 1915 conference of the A. L. A. will be held at Berkeley, California, June 3-9. Meetings will be held in the University of California buildings, and members will be accommodated at the Hotel Shattuck, and at the fraternity, sorority and club-houses of the University.

The following local committee has been appointed to co-operate with the officers of the Association in arranging for the conference: Joseph C. Rowell, chairman, University of California library; George T. Clark, Leland Stanford Jr. University library; Robert Rea, San Francisco Public library; Francis B. Graves, Mechanics' Mercantile library, San Francisco; Harold L. Leupp, University of California library; James L. Gillis, California State library; Charles S. Greene, Oakland Free

library; Carleton B. Joeckel, Berkeley Public library; Marcella H. Krauth, Alameda Public library.

Mr. Leupp is chairman of the sub-committee on housing and meeting halls, and Mr. Greene, chairman of the sub-committee on entertainment.

Further particulars regarding the conference may be expected in the January Bulletin.

### THE OXFORD CONFERENCE

The following passages are extracted from a letter to the secretary written August 18, by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, honorary secretary of the British library association:

"You will have heard by this time that the Oxford meeting has been postponed till next year. I sincerely trust that the international situation may then have cleared, and that we shall see you all at Oxford. We felt that without the presence of the Americans the Oxford programme would be in the nature of a fiasco; and moreover the colleges have now been turned into hospitals. . . ."

"I hope you will convey to all your members at the earliest possible moment, that the Oxford meeting is not abandoned, but only postponed, and that we hope to see you all in Oxford in 1915."

### ARE WE PROUD OF THIS?

"I had expected that the 'Little Brown Book' would come in for a great deal of criticism because of the very poor showing it makes of books about America. It seems an almost unbelievably poor showing, but I can't tell you how much pains I took to discover other books that might be included, but every volume included had to pass a rigid test of usefulness and truth; and it is surprising how many books, some of them fairly well-known, failed to meet that test. It is an extraordinary fact that today there exist more and better books written in Italian on the subject of the Argentine Republic than of the United States."—JOHN FOSTER CARR (Extract from a personal letter to the secretary of the Association).